

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

18 May 2016

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 18 May 2016 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were, Susan MiHalo, Kristine Sandrick, and John Morris. Doug Cannon sat in.

As no quorum was available, the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 20 April 2016 could not be approved.

Assignments for the table at the Memorial Day picnic were discussed. Susan and Kristine will handle setup and initial shifts. Jim Biancotti will supply handouts from the County. Copies of the flyer Doug worked on will be available. Kristine will rig a sign for the table. John will work a shift starting at 11:30. Also, an example of the IDEM complaint form will be at the table, with either cards or slips of paper with the web address. The intent is to have residents complain of odors or other environmental problems to IDEM directly. Since time is so short, a community fund application will not be attempted at this time for this project.

Regarding the MS4 exemption, Jim was not available. There was nothing new.

Susan mentioned that Save the Dunes will be present at the 6 June Town Council meeting for a presentation.

She also mentioned that the Septic System Coordination Work Group will meet on 2 June.

Sue Adams was not present, but Susan brought up the Dark Skies Initiative. The group needs to try to recruit other residents for buy-in. A Community Fund grant could be used for the initial demonstration project, which has been discussed in previous meetings for the entrance near Town Hall. The thought is that if directed lighting without glare can be shown to be safer, buy-in might follow.

Plastic bag collection by Town Hall was discussed with the thought that Doug would consult Jennifer Wilson to make sure what we proposed was consistent with town plans. A proposal could then be presented to the Town Council. Again, it would need to be emptied on a regular basis, perhaps even daily, by one of us. The contents could be taken to one of the stores already collecting.

The beach contract is done, and contracts for Karen Berrier and Polly Costanza are prepared.

Next month the beach cleanup, which we discussed moving to mid-summer, shall be on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.